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Japan: draft resolution

Nuclear disarmament with a view to the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the end of the cold war has increased the possibility of creating a world free from the fear of nuclear wars,

Welcoming the efforts of the Russian Federation and the United States of America for nuclear disarmament and the conclusion of the two treaties on the reduction and limitation of strategic offensive arms (START I and START II), and expecting their early entry into force,

Highly valuing the contribution which the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons has made, as the most universal disarmament treaty with its 165 States parties, including five nuclear-weapon States, since its entry into force in 1970, to the peace and security of the world by preventing the international community from witnessing the emergence of new nuclear-weapon States for the past twenty-five years,

Welcoming positive developments in the negotiations for a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty based on the consensus achieved at the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly,

Welcoming further the consensus also achieved at the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly to support multilateral negotiations for an international treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices,

Firmly convinced that the most opportune time has come for the international community to strengthen its efforts leading to a progressive reduction towards the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons for the creation of a world free of all weapons of mass destruction,

1. Vigorously urges States not parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to accede to it at the earliest possible date, recognizing the importance of universality of the Treaty;

2. Calls upon the nuclear-weapon States to further pursue negotiations on progressive and balanced reductions of nuclear weapons in the light of article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, with a view to the ultimate objectives of the cessation of the manufacture of nuclear weapons, the liquidation of all their existing stockpiles, and the elimination from national arsenals of nuclear weapons and the means of their delivery as part of international efforts for general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control.